Representation from Anushakti Karamchari Union, Rawatbhata

4289. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether a representation dated the 12th May, 1988 from Rajasthan Anushakti Karamchari Union, Rawatbhata (Rajasthan) to the Management containing notice for direct action under I.D. Act has been received;

(b) the reasons for issuing such a notice; and

(c) whether steps have been taken for negotiations on the issue on which direct action notice has been issued by the union;

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As a protest essentially against introduction of the shift rota system 6—1, 6—2, 6—3, for those working in round the clock shift (the revised system is on the same lines as existing in some other heavy water units of DAE). A few more demands were also raised.

(c) and (d) Immediately on receipt of the notice, the Assist. Labour Commissioner (Central), Kota was requested to start conciliation proceedings. Conciliation meetings were held on 23-5-88, 25-5-88, 31-5-88, 1-6-88, 14-6-88, 22-7-88, and 1-8-88. No settlement could be reached except in respect of one demand and hence the conciliation proceedings have resulted in failure. Further action by the ALC (C) is awaited as per law.

Commutation recoveries paid by CDA (Pensions) to Defence pensioners

4290. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state the amount of arrears of communication recoveries paid by CDA (Pensioners) through PDAs to pre-1st April, 1972 defence pensioners for the period 1st April, 1984 to 31st March, 1987 on completion of fifteen years of retirement as per Supreme Court's judgement ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI) : It is estimated that Rs. 3 crores have been paid on account of restoration on commutation to Defence Pensioners upto 31-3-1987.

Communications From Ganga Discharge Employees Union

4291. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received communications from Ganga Discharge Employees' Union, Murshidabad, West Bengal, protesting against continuance in service of one of the officials working in the Central Water Commission, Berhampore despite the said official having alleged criminal record;

(b) whether action has been taken on the Union's communications against retention of a person having criminal background; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) ; (a) to (c) A complaint was received in March, 1986 from Ganga Discharge Employees' Union, Murshidabad, West Bengal alleging that a work charged Khalasi in the Divisional office of Central Water Commission, Berhampore had suppressed material facts regarding his involvement in a criminal case, at the time of his initial appointment in May, 1959. The case has been taken up with the Department of Personnel and Training for advice.

National Highway No. 54

@4292. SHRI M. KADHARSHA:
DR. C. SILVERA :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state.

(a) what is the length of the National Highway No. 54—Silcher to Tuipang;

(b) what is the kilometreage of the highway which has since been completed, together with the amount spent, so far;

(c) what amount has been earmarked or this National Highway during the year 1988-89; and

(d) by when it is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI); (a) 571 kms.

(b) 184 kms of formation work and 170 kms of surfacing work have been completed upto 31-3-1988, involving an expenditure of Rs. 26.95 crores.

(c) Rs. 6.45 crores.

(d) By 1994-95.

Tremors in IDUKKI due to Reservoir

†4293. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the press-report which appeared in the "News Times" of the 11th July, 1988 wherein National Geo-Physical Research Institute has stated that recent 30 Tremors in Idukki in Kerala being induced due to the presence of reservoir there;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what steps are being taken to meet the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K.R. NARAYANAN) :

(a) to (c) Yes Sir. National Geophysical Research Institute (NGRI) Hyderabad has only expressed an apprehension about the possibility of these tremors being induced by the presence of the reservoir. It was not the result of any study conducted. Scientists of NGRI are studying the seismicity of the Idukki area by deploying four seismic stations around the epicentral region of the June 7, 1988 earthquake.

@Previously unstarred Question 2630 transferred from the 17th August, 1988.

†Previously Unstarred Question 3028, transferred from the 19th August, 1988